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## **SLOW DOWN FOR SAFETY**

**Comer, Ga.** – Georgia DOT announces the speed limit on State Route 72 from the end of the four lane divided highway east of Highway 172 to Comer in Madison County is now to 35 miles per hour.

“In our active work zones the speed limit is lowered by 10 miles per hour twenty four hours a day, seven days a week throughout the life of the project. It is a safety decision. For the safety of people driving through the area and for workers in the area, it is absolutely imperative that drivers slowdown in the work zone. There will be dozens of pieces of equipment and people working in or near State Route 72 at all times of the day. We must maintain a slower, consistent pace of traffic,” explained DOT District Engineer, Brent Cook.

There are two projects to widen State Route 72 from State Route 172 to the western city limits of Comer and a construction completion date of December 31, 2016. The contract construction cost is \$51.1 million.

The second project starts in Comer and widens SR 72 to the Broad River in Elbert County with a construction completion date of December 31, 2017. The contract construction cost is \$21.1 million.

Changeable message signs, new speed limit signs with flags attached and speed reduction warning signs will be in place to warn motorists of the change. “Remember by Georgia law, that fines are doubled in a work zone and that is for each offense up to \$2,000 per offense. It will benefit your pocket and your safety for you to slow down and pay extra attention through this work zone and all other work zones in Georgia,” concluded Cook. (O.C.G.A. § 40-6-188)

***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. ***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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